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Group Art Unit: 3775

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In re Patent Application of: :
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Filed: February 23, 2004 : Examiner: N. W. Woodall
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated
December 24, 2008, finally rejecting claims **1-14, and 17-20**,
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as
follows: